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CBS (National Bureau of Statistics) is still counting, controlling, scanning and compiling data collected in 2010 national Census

ORANJESTAD -- CBS informs the Aruban public that they are working diligently on compiling and processing the myriad of data collected during the recently held 2010 national census. Within 3 weeks after the census, the Office was able to identify those addresses that for some reason were not included in the census, so that they could follow up on those to complete the process of having every citizen accounted for.

In the month of November they began the process of sorting out the information and

controlling the official forms received during the week of the census.

Forms destined for the Office of the Public Registry were separated and submitted, so as to continue the control process in the most anonymous manner possible.

The entire process of control and scanning is a tedious and cumbersome process and takes its due course. It is estimated that this first control will take approximately one and a half months to complete, hence by February 2011 this should be done. This will fol-

low the process of scanning verification and codification, which is estimated to be completed by mid March 2011.

This process will be followed by yet a third control process and correction of data. This third process is aided by a special computer program, the CSPRO, which is designed by the US Census Bureau and programmed by Aruba's CBS for the control of data collected during the week of the Census 2010.

After the final control, data will be added to create a national data base for Aruba. From this data base they will be able to produce numerous basic tables. Just as in the census of 1991 and 2000, the first publication of the data from the 2010 Census will be compiled into basic tables and charts, which will be available as of end July 2011. After the first publication, several other publications will follow dealing with different themes included in the data collected in the Aruba 2010 Census.

The CBS also informs all workers who participated in the 2010 census, that should they desire to have an identification badge and photo of the census, that they should pass by the CBS offices personally during office hours to collect these.



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Realizing your Dream in 2011...Why not!

Many people have dreams, some have had dreams all of their lives, but never ever saw them come to realization. Do you have a dream? This week in America, the focus is on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who had a dream that he never lived to see come to fruition.

But, if he were alive today, he would be amazed to see how his dream has turned out. Much of what he dreamed for is now being played out. For example, he would be amazed to find that the most powerful man in the world who sits in the White House is a black man, and the most influential and wealthiest woman in his country today is a black woman.

These two personalities embody most of the essence of his dream.

What is your dream? Do you have a dream? And, for those of us who have our dream, the big question is, how do we achieve that dream? I believe that there are certain basic required characteristics necessary for accomplishing your dream. Those who possess these characteristics will gain a tremendous advantage in their quest for the fulfillment of their dream. Actually, I reiterate, that without them, you may never fulfill your dream.

And, you know, the nice thing about these characteristics is that they can be easily cultivated. Let me list them here briefly:

First: **Passion:** You must love whatever it is you are doing for a living!

It is so sad to talk to people who tell me how disappointed they are with their career or with their job. They simply work to pay their bills and to have some spending money for some of the luxuries of life. But they are not happy with what they do; they don't love their job or their chosen career. I know some people who started a business just because of the income potential without giving any consideration to their passion. After some years down the road, they come to regret the tremendous waste of time and invested financial resources...and then either fail miserably, or just walk away from it to try something new. Friend, if you're going to realize your dream, you Must have a passion!

What is your passion? Is it something you've buried in the deep recesses of your mind, or in sordid excuses? Everybody knows their passion one way or the other. Everybody has something that excites them when they think about it; they feel it in their veins. They feel somehow that that is the exact right thing for them. So, can you identify yours now? Are you living your passion?

Second: **Attitude:** I usually address this one first. But this time I am listing it as the second most important characteristic required for achieving your dream. You absolutely must have a positive mental attitude. You must have the right attitude towards what it is you do, towards other people, your family, your friends, and above all towards your self.

If you allow negative self talk to dominate your thoughts, it will put out the fire under your dream. A positive attitude will keep you looking up despite any odds or setbacks; it will keep you healthy and will minimize stress and fatigue. A positive attitude will give you clear vision to see the steps needed to take to realize your dream. So, now you know, stop pouting, complaining and looking at the 'grass on the other side of your fence,' and press on positively to your next important step. Include prayer and God in your dream.

Next Morning News edition I will list the other two characteristics. Be sure to get your copy to not miss it. Let me know if this was helpful: themorningnewsaruba@gmail.com

Haiti police take Duvalier to court

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - Haitian officials yesterday whisked former dictator Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier away to court, two days after his surprise return from exile stunned the nation he ruled with an iron fist.

After intense questioning lasting well over an hour by the nation's chief prosecutor and a judge, Duvalier was escorted by police out of the luxury hotel where he had been holed up since he returned late Sunday.

Duvalier is accused by rights groups and opponents of siphoning hundreds of millions of dollars out of the impoverished Caribbean country and of presiding over widespread human rights abuses during his 1971-1986 rule.

As he was led away from his hotel in a convoy of armored vehicles bristling with

swat police, a small group of supporters gathered, calling for current President Rene Preval to be arrested instead.

Meanwhile, in Geneva, 25-year legal battle over Duvalier's Swiss millions should come to an end once new legislation kicks in on February 1, a lawyer for Haiti's government said yesterday.

The Duvaliers have been fighting to hold on to some 5.7 million dollars of allegedly embezzled funds held by an opaque Liechtenstein-based foundation in Switzerland ever since Swiss authorities froze them after Duvalier was ousted.

But new legislation was rushed through parliament last year to ease the restitution of assets stolen by corrupt or greedy politicians to the concerned countries, partly as a result of the Duvalier saga.

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Government issues less permits than previous year

While new law will introduce changes

ORANJESTAD -- Minister Benny Sievinger, who has the Ministry of Immigration under his watch, denies allegations that he has extended more permits for foreign residents than his predecessor.

He alleged that his predecessor issued a total of 16 thousand permits in his final year in office, while last year the government issued 11 thousand permits; some less than the previous administration.

On the other hand there are still those who have arrived illegally on Aruba and are residing here illegally. The minister explained that there are two aspects to take into account. First, there are those who arrive illegally with absolutely no chance of getting a residence permit. And, secondly, those who have resided here for more than 5 years and who and a residence permit. This group of residents will fall under the STR Ruling, which is a limited amnesty. The KPMG legal firm has been contracted by the government to do an analysis and advise the government as to how to arrange for permits for this group of people. This situation was born after the change of the law in 2006 to the so called Swiss Model. A new entrance and exit law (LTU) was passed in Parliament which allows for all foreign residents to obtain a residence permit for the duration of maximum three years. Consequently the majority of those who obtained residence permits in 2006 would have been required to leave in June



Minister Benny Sievinger

2009. This would have been an impossible feat in view of the fact that the number of those being required to leave was some 12 thousand employees, who in essence would have had to be replaced with an equal number of new employees.

Back then, the solution to this problem was to move up the requirement to 2012. Hence, it was noted back then (2009) that the Swiss Model did not function. The government decided after careful analysis that it was best to give these persons a residence permit, rather than to deport them and bring in new employees from who knows where.

With very few exceptions, no first permits were issued last year, according to Sievinger.

A change of the law is currently being processed for introduction. The minister expressed the hope that this process be completed by the end of January.

In anticipation of the new

law, various management annotations are being implanted.

With the elimination of the Swiss Model arrangement, anyone who can show residence for ten consecutive years, with no more than a loophole of 3 years, will be eligible for an unrestricted residence permit not requiring the signature of a third party.

Another change will be for tourists visiting the island who would be permitted to remain on Aruba for 180 days without as residence permit, while persons from the Netherlands would not be deported should they overstay the 180 days limit. They would get an additional 30 days to rectify their residence status.

In the new LTU (entrance and exit law) there will be several changes, according to the minister. One issue of concern to the government is for those persons who act as agents or brokers to those seeking permits. There are constant complaints about this service where many feel they have been ripped off by these agents who claim to be able to arrange for their permits. After having paid considerable amounts of money for the service, many end up without the permit and without a refund. The government intends to offer a course on the law of exit and entrance to all those involved in this type of business.

And they will require these brokers and agents to take the course to be certified by DIMAS to be duly recognized as brokers or agents.

Cruise tourism expected to grow in leaps and bounds

ORANJESTAD -- Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber met last week with executives of the Carnival Cruise Lines in Miami. Very positive deliberations were conducted with respect to Aruba's cruise tourism.

It is no secret that even before taking office, Oduber, from his seat in the opposition in Parliament had held talks with Carnival to explore the possibility for their return to the island.

Now, in his caliber as Minister of Tourism, he returned again to talk to Carnival. These conversations resulted in an agreement by Carnival to return to Aruba with a total of 15 calls. Last October Aruba was ecstatic

to see Carnival Miracle enter our harbor. Getting Carnival to return after an absence of more than 3 years was an impressive accomplishment.

Carnival's intention to make 15 calls is not enough for the Minister of Tourism, hence the reason for his continued deliberations with their executives to get as many calls as possible. In 2011 the number of cruise visitors will increase to about 30 thousand with a total of 18 calls. In 2012 these figures will double. Cruise visitors will number 60 thousand and cruise calls will reach 29 during 2012. This means that come 2012 we will see Carnival Cruise Line practically during the entire year in our

harbor. These figures are certainly very positive for our island's tourism.

The minister's objective is to explore the possibility for getting as many of the cruise visitors as possible to return to the island as 'stay over' visitors.

Oduber indicated that in order to reach these kinds of agreements there must first be a basis of confidence, mutual respect, as well as open communication between the partners.

This, he concluded ... "Is my policy along with a vision and a concrete policy we will see the results we need to improve our tourism industry."



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Holiday Inn Aruba ready for multimillion dollar upgrade

as disclosed by Aruba Minister of Tourism

ORANJESTAD -- During a recent visit to the United States, Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber, met with the developers of the Holiday Inn Resort. In an amicable and very positive meeting they discussed various matters related to the hotel industry and its developments.

The minister has made it known that he is interested in improving the quality of the Aruba tourism product, and already several private and public sector investments are being made to accomplish this upgrading of the Aruba product.

It was in this context that Oduber broached the subject about upgrading to the developers of the Aruba Holiday Inn Resort. It was then that he learned that they have plans already in motion to embark on a 23 million dollar upgrade of the Aruba property.

An investment of that size, especially after a former government official remarked some time back, that the hotel should just leave Aruba, is an indication of the confidence they have in Aruba's current government and tourism development.

Oduber was pleased with the meeting and expressed that the confidence of a strategic partner was maintained and confirmed. He hopes that soon we will see the Holiday Inn investment taking place, so we can witness still another step in the direction of improving the quality of our product.

Much has been done, says, Oduber, but there remains much more to be done; and together we can accomplish what we have set before us to do, which ultimately will benefit Aruba and everyone.



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Did you know?

Donkeys are not native to Aruba - they were brought there by the Spaniards over 500 years ago when they first settled the island. According to the Aruba Donkey Sanctuary there were over 1,400 donkeys counted on Aruba at the turn of the 20th century. As cars became more commonplace in Aruba many donkeys were set free to fend for themselves on the island. Some weren't able to survive, others suffered collisions with automobiles, and others became victims of disease. In 1970 there were only 20 donkeys remaining.



Annual Donkey Walk was a resounding success



A record number of participants graced the sixth annual Donkey Walk-a-Thon which took place last Saturday. Hundreds of cheerful walkers greatly enjoyed the six-kilometer trip, which led them through Aruba's amazing countryside; runners also covered the same distance.

Two donkeys, Igor and Maartje, gladly joined the happening. The fact that the route took them past the Donkey Sanctuary was enormously confusing, however, especially to Maartje, who sniffed the presence of her friends and did not want to budge one more step. The athletes, however, were not hindered by any such emotions and they ran on: Gino Hodge came first in the Men's division, while Doreen Boekhoudt-Kralick was the first lady to finish. First finishing Junior was Axl Tromp.

Halfway the walk a stand with refreshments revived the participants; at the finish there was fruit from sponsor Superfood to get their energy back up. Participants paid AWG. 10,- for joining the fundraising Walk-a-Thon for the Donkey Sanctuary.



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Paseo Herencia welcomes new Marketing and Events Manager Candy Rasmijn

Owners and management staff of the Paseo Herencia Shopping Center in Palm Beach welcomed press members and friends for an impromptu welcome party at Moka's in the mall for their new Marketing and Events Manager, Candy Rasmijn.

Candy graduated from the Aruba School of Hotel and Tourism Management when it was located at the Bushiri Beach Resort, and is a ten-year veteran of the marketing department of the island's refinery. During her tenure, she played a vital role in organizing a number of project and events that were beneficial to the community as part of her duties with the Aruba Way Foundation and the Valero Volunteers. "Her experience with organizing community projects was a major factor in our decision to award her the position," commented Paseo General Manager Valerie Camacho Pietersz. "Organizing and participating in projects to help various groups on Aruba, such as supporting our Senior League team to go to Bangor, Maine and win the world championships, is an essential part of the Paseo Herencia's philosophy."



cia's philosophy."

The mall's co-owners, Dan Oduber and Alex Lovera expressed their confidence that Candy will be a font of original and entertaining ideas for events and promotions that will make time spent at Paseo Herencia even more enjoyable.

Candy expressed her own excitement at this new and challenging position after ten years with one company. "I felt that the ten-year mark was an

indicator of change;

time to move on to something different in my life. I am very pleased to be taking over this position and look forward to bringing something unique and creative to Paseo Herencia's operation."

THE MORNING NEWS wishes Candy great success in her new job, we look forward to interesting times at Paseo Herencia!

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Sci-Tech

Researchers aim to resurrect mammoth in five years



(FILES) File photo taken on March 20, 2007 in Paris, shows a mammoth skeleton

TOKYO (AFP) - Japanese researchers will launch a project this year to resurrect the long-extinct mammoth by using cloning technology to bring the ancient pachyderm back to life in around five years time.

The researchers will try to revive the species by obtaining tissue this summer from the carcass of a mammoth preserved in a Russian research laboratory, the Yomiuri Shimbun reported.

"Preparations to realise this goal have been made," Akira Iritani, leader of the team and a professor emeritus of Kyoto University, told the mass-circulation daily.

Under the plan, the nuclei of mammoth cells will be inserted into an elephant's egg cell from which the nuclei have been removed, to create an embryo containing mammoth genes, the report said.

The embryo will then be

inserted into an elephant's uterus in the hope that the animal will eventually give birth to a baby mammoth.

The elephant is the closest modern relative of the mammoth, a huge woolly mammal believed to have died out with the last Ice Age.

Some mammoth remains still retain useable tissue samples, making it possible to recover cells for cloning, unlike dinosaurs, which disappeared around 65 million years ago and whose remains exist only as fossils.

Researchers hope to achieve their aim within five to six years, the Yomiuri said.

The team, which has invited a Russian mammoth researcher and two US elephant experts to join the project, has established a technique to extract DNA from frozen cells, previously an obstacle to cloning attempts because of the damage cells sustained

in the freezing process.

Another Japanese researcher, Teruhiko Wakayama of the Riken Centre for Developmental Biology, succeeded in 2008 in cloning a mouse from the cells of another that had been kept in temperatures similar to frozen ground for 16 years.

The scientists extracted a cell nucleus from an organ of a dead mouse and planted it into the egg of another mouse which was alive, leading to the birth of the cloned mouse.

Based on Wakayama's techniques, Iritani's team devised a method to extract the nuclei of mammoth eggs without damaging them.

But a successful cloning will also pose challenges for the team, Iritani warned.

"If a cloned embryo can be created, we need to discuss, before transplanting it into the womb, how to breed (the mammoth) and whether to display it to the public," Iritani said.

"After the mammoth is born, we will examine its ecology and genes to study why the species became extinct and other factors."

More than 80 percent of all mammoth finds have been dug up in the permafrost of the vast Sakha Republic in eastern Siberia.

Exactly why a majority of the huge creatures that once strode in large herds across Eurasia and North America died out towards the end of the last Ice Age has generated fiery debate.

Some experts hold that mammoths were hunted to extinction by the species that was to become the planet's dominant predator -- humans.

Others argue that climate change was more to blame, leaving a species adapted for frozen climes ill-equipped to cope with a warming world.

China's Lenovo creates unit for tablets, mobiles

BEIJING (AFP) - Chinese computer giant Lenovo said Tuesday it will create a special unit to create mobile and other Internet-connected devices, as it seeks to grab a bigger slice of the fast-growing market.

The new business will be based in Beijing and devoted to developing tablets, smart mobile phones and televisions as well as devices for cloud computing, Lenovo said in a statement.

There is "tremendous growth potential of the mobile Internet" and the com-

pany wants to "capitalise on these opportunities to drive growth," Lenovo chief executive Yang Yuanqing said.

Liu Jun, president of Lenovo's Product Group, will head the new unit.

Lenovo, the world's fourth largest computer maker by shipments, has been pushing to diversify its business into new product types amid huge global demand for smartphones and tablet computers.

The company last year unveiled the LePhone -- its first signature product in its push into smartphone market.

And at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas earlier this month, it launched the IdeaPad U1 computer -- a laptop that can be converted into a touch-screen tablet. It also rolled out the LePad tablet.

Lenovo, which bought IBM's personal computer business in 2005, said IdeaPad U1 with LePad would be available in China by the end of March.

It will not be available in the United States until next-generation Android mobile software is available for use in the tablets.

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Sharks are colour-blind: study



PARIS (AFP) - Sharks may be unable to distinguish between colours, according to a lab study published on Tuesday that could benefit swimmers, surfers and sharks themselves.

Researchers in Australia, using a technique called micro-spectrophotometry, looked at the retinal cells of 17 species of shark caught off Queensland and Western Australia.

In all 17 species, the commonest kind of light receptors were "rod" cells, which are highly sensitive to light and allow night vision but cannot tell colours apart, they found.

Yet the sharks lacked cone cells, which respond individually to light at specific wavelengths. In human eyes, a variety of cone cells helps us to distinguish between colours.

In 10 of the 17 shark species, no cone cells were found at all. Cone cells were found in the other seven species, but they were all of a single type, sensitive to

wavelengths of around 530 nanometres, which is green.

This retinal system means sharks are able to tell between shades of grey but, most probably, not between colours, say the investigators.

Monochromatic vision is very rare among land species, because colour vision is a tool for survival in terrestrial habitats.

But it is less important in the marine environment, where colours are progressively filtered out at depth and survival depends on distinguishing contrasts, to determine whether a shape in the gloom is prey or predator.

Previous research has found that whales, dolphins and seals also possess green-sensitive cone cells, which suggests that these marine mammals and sharks arrived at the same visual design in parallel, says the paper.

The study, published in English in the German journal *Naturwissenschaften*, could help prevent shark attacks on humans and develop fishing gear that could reduce accidental catches of sharks by long-line trawlers.

"Our study shows that contrast against the background, rather than colour per se, may be more important for object detection by sharks," said lead scientist Nathan Scott Hart at the University of Western Australia.

"This may help us to design long-line fishing lures that are less attractive to sharks as well as to design swimming attire and surf craft that have a lower visual contrast to sharks and therefore are less 'attractive' to them."

Apple's Jobs taking another medical leave

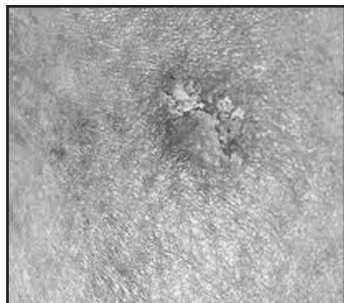
SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Apple co-founder and chief executive Steve Jobs announced he was taking another medical leave of absence on Monday, reviving questions about the future of the global technology powerhouse.

Jobs, 55, who underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer in 2004 and a liver transplant in 2009, said he would continue as chief executive "and be involved in major strategic decisions for the company."

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Health & Living

How skin cancer cells evade immune system: study



PARIS, France (AFP) – Scientists have pinpointed a molecular mechanism in mice which helps skin cancer cells confound the animal's immune system, according to a study released this week.

The discovery -- if duplicated in humans -- could one day lead to drug treatments that block this mechanism, and thus the cancer's growth, the study reported.

In experiments on mice, researchers showed for the first time that a protein called interferon-gamma (IFN-gamma) plays a key role in the spread of melanoma, a notoriously aggressive form of cancer resistant to standard chemotherapy.

The same kind of ultraviolet radiation that leads to sunburn caused white blood cells to infiltrate the skin of the mice, explained Glenn Merlino, a scientist at the US National Cancer Institute and the main architect of the study.

The white blood cells, in turn, "can produce IFN-gamma. We believe that IFN-gamma can promote melanoma in our model system, and perhaps in people,"

he said in an email.

Injecting the mice with antibodies that block IFN-gamma interrupted this signalling process, effectively reducing the risk of UV-induced skin cancer, the researchers found.

Ideally, such a treatment would mean that someone exposed to large doses of UV radiation -- long summers at the beach without protective cream, for example -- could escape the potentially lethal threat of skin cancer.

Cases of cutaneous malignant melanoma are increasing faster than any other type of cancer.

In 2000, over 200,000 cases of melanoma were diagnosed and there were 65,000 melanoma-associated deaths, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Up to now, interferons were thought to impede the formation of cancer tumours. One in particular, interferon-alpha, has been widely used to treat melanoma, both as a first-line drug and an adjuvant.

Earlier research has raised doubts as to effectiveness of the treatment, which also has serious side effects.

The main risk factors are high exposure to the sun and other UV sources such as sunbeds, along with genetic factors. The disease is far more common among people with a pale complexion, blue eyes, and red or fair hair.

Indonesia probing Legionnaire's outbreak on Bali

DENPASAR, Indonesia (AFP) – Indonesia is investigating reports of an outbreak of Legionnaire's disease on the resort island of Bali, an official said after 10 Australians returned home with the disease.

Bali health department chief Nyoman Sutedja said the Australian government had passed on information about a possible outbreak but so far no sign of the disease had been found.

"We are investigating in the field after receiving a report from the Australian consulate. From the hospitals here we have received no reports of people being infected with Legionnaire's," he told AFP.

"We suspect that the disease came from hotels which failed to clean up their water supply."

The Australian government has updated its travel advice to citizens visiting Indonesia, saying a "small number of cases" of Legionnaire's disease had been recorded in travellers who had returned from Bali since August.

"Travellers in Bali or who

have recently returned, who experience flu-like symptoms such as fever and cough, should consult their GPs (doctor) or hospital emergency departments, and advise them of their recent travel," it said.

"Indonesian health authorities and the World Health Organization are aware of the problem and are investigating possible sources of outbreak."

The West Australian health department warned citizens who have recently visited Bali to be alert for symptoms after a total of 10 Australians were treated for the potentially fatal disease.

Five were diagnosed with severe pneumonia after returning from holidays in Bali in December.

Western Australia's acting chief health officer, Andy Robertson, said the holiday-makers most likely caught the infection in the central Kuta area of Bali, the island's main tourist hangout.

The disease most often affects middle-aged and elderly people, particularly those who

smoke or who have lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease or a weakened immune system.

Symptoms are similar to a severe flu and could include fever, chills, muscle soreness, headaches, tiredness, reduced appetite, diarrhoea, dry coughing and breathlessness.

Health insurer International SOS said at least six victims were believed to have used the same Kuta hotel, and most had visited the same shopping centre.

Legionnaire's disease is caused by bacteria that grow in water, particularly in warm environments such as hot tubs, hot water tanks, plumbing systems and air-conditioning systems.

It is contracted through inhalation of contaminated water droplets and is not known to be transmitted from person to person.

Bali has also been battling a rabies outbreak that has killed more than 100 people since November, 2008.

Mice study shows breakthrough in treating fetal defects

WASHINGTON (AFP) – US researchers have discovered why fetal stem cell transplants, once considered a promising field for treating congenital defects before birth, were failing: it was all mother's fault.

The mistake may have been that doctors were trying to match transplantable bone marrow stem cells to the fetus. The mother's immune system would recognize the new cells as dangerous and reject them.

But if stem cells that match the mother were implanted, scientists saw a near 100 percent success rate, said the study. "This research is really exciting because it offers us a straightforward, elegant solution that makes fetal stem cell transplantation a reachable goal," said senior author Tippi MacKenzie at the University of California, San Francisco.

If the process works in humans, doctors could use it to treat a variety of inherited immune disorders which can be detected through prenatal testing, such as sickle cell disease,

thalassemia, chronic granulomatous disease and others.

The advance could erase what researchers describe as a "decade-long scientific conundrum" that has caused many to lose interest in the field.

"The fact that fetal stem cell transplantation has not been very successful has been puzzling, especially given the widely accepted dogma that the immature fetal immune system can adapt to tolerate foreign substances," said co-author Qizhi Tang at the UCSF Transplantation Research Lab.

"The surprising finding in our study is that the mother's immune system is to blame."

Using a variety of mouse models for study, researchers looked at the content of the fetus's blood and found that 10 percent of it matched maternal blood cells, a higher proportion than anywhere else in the developing mouse's body.

Then they transplanted mice with blood stem cells that matched neither the fetus

or mother to see what would happen.

A rush of T-cells, which protect the body from infection, surged from the mother into the fetus, forcing the rejection of the transplanted cells.

But when researchers transplanted blood stem cells that matched the mother, they process was usually successful because the mother's immune system did not recognize them as dangerous.

"As long as the transplanted stem cells are matched to the mother, it does not seem to matter if they are matched to the fetus," said co-author Amar Nijagal, a postdoctoral research fellow and surgery resident at UCSF.

"Transplanting stem cells harvested from the mother makes sense because the mother and her developing fetus are prewired to tolerate each other."

Researchers hope to look next at whether the process will work in humans.

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Disney Wonder pays first port call to Aruba



Last week, Aruba welcomed 1,800 passengers aboard the cruise ship Disney Wonder. One of the highlights of the first port call to the island was a visit by Goofy and Mickey Mouse at Casa Cuna, a home for children ages infant to 7 years from broken families.

During a ceremony aboard the ship, ATA executive Mrs. Myrna Jansen, in name of the government of Aruba, presented a memorial plaque to Captain Henry Andersson. Present among the invited guests for the ceremony were Cruise & Niche Marketing Manager Mrs. Daisybelle, (Valery) Habibe and Visitor Care Liaison Ms. Darline de

Cuba as well as Mr. Dunlock and Mrs. Ten Loohuizen of S.E.L. Maduro & Sons, agents for the cruise line. Following the welcome ceremony they enjoyed a delightful luncheon on board the ship, courtesy of Disney Cruises.

The arrival of Disney Wonder in Aruba was "awesome," according to passengers, as families enjoyed the warm welcome extended by Aruba Ports Authority personnel. Disney Wonder started its journey from Port Canaveral on January 6 and ends on January 22 at Los Angeles.

Photos show scenes of the arrival of Disney Wonder

Just when you thought you've seen all of Aruba...

An authentic Aruban Outback adventure



Even for a long-time resident and our favorite Aruban outback guide, Madi, this past weekend was a revelation as we experienced authentic spelunking in what was the deepest cave in all the Netherlands Antilles when Aruba was still a part of this now defunct territory of the Dutch Kingdom.

Steven, who is stationed at the Dutch Marine Camp in Savaneta for a few years, loves to explore Aruba and research its history and geography. He led a group of intrepid explorers through a truly secret site in the wilds of Seroe Colorado on Sunday morning, as we explored a well-hidden cave that was even unknown to Madi, who makes her living guiding tours through Aruba's Arikok Park and to the Natural Pool.

I cannot reveal the exact lo-

cation of the entrance, as it is not a casual adventure, and must be experienced with a guide familiar with the cavern. It stretches 483 meters (1,584.65 ft) into the bowels of Seroe Colorado, and researchers even theorize the tunnels go beyond Aruba's shores to form underwater caves for miles to the south of the island.

Steven pointed out a deep hole close to the entrance, which Dutch Marines deploy as a training exercise for rescue situations. A combination of tape and twine leads a path to one of the deeper major chambers, which brought us past fantastic stalagmite and stalactite formations and tunnels that must be traversed bent over-even for not-so-tall explorers such as ourselves.

Along the way we encoun-

tered pools of sweet, clean water where the group could refresh, as well as one deep well filled waist high with water fed from the sea, as it was slightly salty. This did not deter the ever-adventurous Madi from taking a dip.

Our entire under-earth adventure was one hour from entry to exit. The cave has some stunning natural formations, particularly the contrast from light to dark at the entrance, for fantastic photos. It is riddled with side passages and additional chambers aside form the primary route, and should not be explored without a guide. The likelihood of this remote, as the entrance is well hidden and virtually impossible for the uninitiated to find. It is important to bring lots of bright flashlights, wear proper shoes and comfortable clothing, which will get dirty, and

bottled water. The reward is a remarkable experience; something truly unique, just when one thought they had seen all Aruba had to offer.

Madi conducts her tours seven days a week in a single range rover type all-terrain vehicle. She takes a max of nine passengers, providing a singular tour of the Aruban countryside away from the tourist scene. She feels the "Secret Cave" qualifies as an "EX-treme Adventure," definitely

not for those who prefer to spend their time in an air-conditioned bus.

Madi, a fifth-generation Aruban congenially shares her anecdotes and vast inventory of island factoids with her guests, as well as her unflappable spirit of adventure. Tours are very reasonably priced and customized to the wishes of her guests. For more information and pick up at your resort, call 746-1397.

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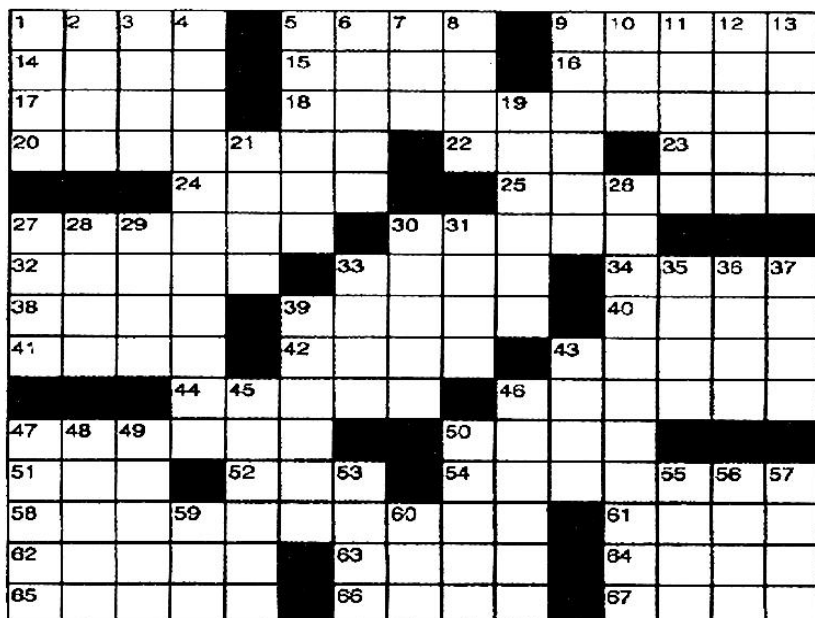
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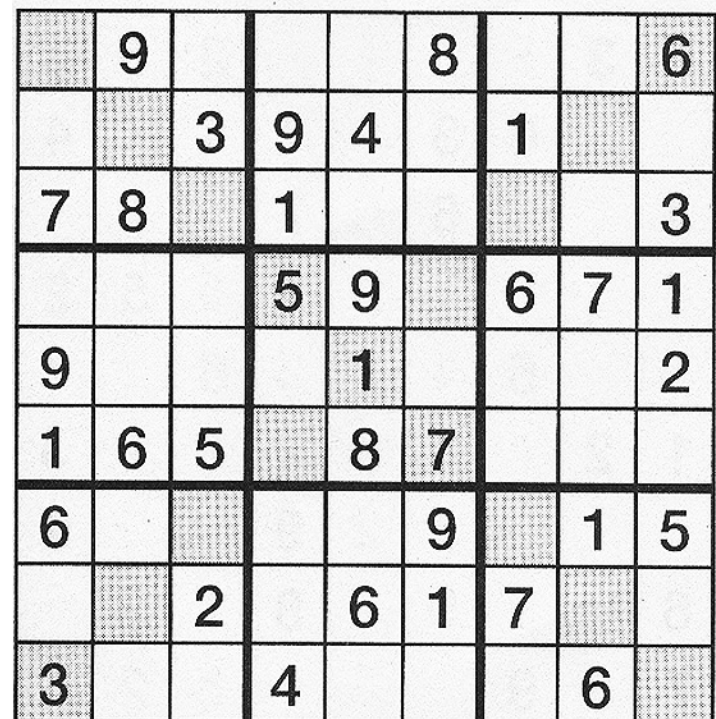
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Boeing delays first Dreamliner delivery to autumn

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Boeing said that it would delay the first delivery of its new 787 Dreamliner, originally planned for February, until the third quarter of 2011.

"This revised timeline for first delivery accommodates the work we believe remains to be done to complete testing and certification of the 787," Scott Fancher, Boeing vice president and general manager of the 787 program, said in a statement.

The postponement came after a string of technical mishaps and delays slowed the testing program for the jets, heralded as a new generation of highly fuel-efficient mid-

sized aircraft.

The company has encountered numerous difficulties in bringing the plane to market due to its use of composite materials as well as integrating production in numerous sites.

Last month Boeing said it had installed updated power system software and conducted rigorous reviews to confirm flight readiness after it was forced to halt tests due to an electrical fire that forced an emergency landing.

Fancher said the new target for delivery includes some margin of flexibility "to allow for any additional time that may be needed to complete certification activities."

German investor sentiment index soars

FRANKFURT (AFP) – German financial market confidence surged this month as investors welcomed strong industrial orders, low interest rates and positive US data, the ZEW research institute said.

The group's index soared to 15.4 points from 4.3 points in December, its highest level since July 2010 as the biggest economy in Europe geared up for more growth in 2011.

Analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires had expected the volatile German indicator to reach 8.0 points, and the new level remained below the historical average of 26.8 points.

But it was the third increase running after six declines, leading economists to conclude the economy will remain relatively strong this year.

The Ifo index will flesh out a clearer picture of German business sentiment but at least the financial sector was upbeat as the ongoing eurozone debt saga played on with a meeting of finance ministers in Brussels.

They signalled readiness to bump up a euro emergency fund but stressed that vulnerable countries must first put their finances in order.

The ZEW indicator meanwhile, based on a survey of 284 analysts and institutional

investors, suggested that "financial market experts expect the dynamic growth of the German economy to continue," a statement said.

ZEW president Wolfgang Franz also highlighted current low interest rate levels that should boost demand for German goods and said positive data from the US had raised hopes that global growth would continue.

German growth should get an additional boost from increased job security, which typically stimulates household consumption, Franz added.

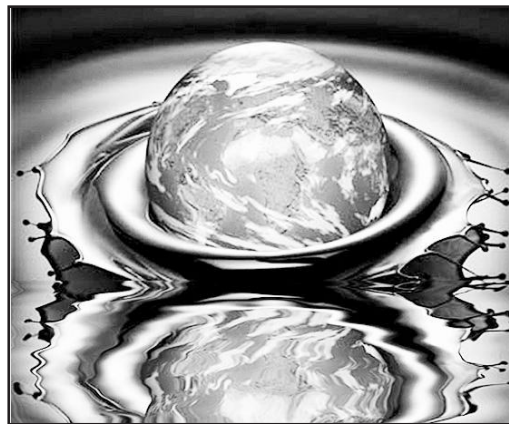
Meanwhile, investors' assessments of their current situation changed little but nonetheless gained 0.2 points to an indexed 82.8 points, the highest level since August 2007.

ING senior economist Carsten Brzeski said: "It looks as if there is almost blind trust in the strength of the German recovery."

Berenberg Bank chief economist Holger Schmieding added that the third consecutive increase in the ZEW index "supports our view that the German economy will stay reasonably robust in 2011."

Commerzbank's Ulrike Rindorf concurred, saying: "The camp of optimists believing in an improvement has widened."

High oil prices pose real economic risk, says IEA



PARIS, France (AFP) – Oil prices near \$100 a barrel pose a real risk to the world economy, the IEA warned, as the global economic rebound led to the strongest growth in oil demand for nearly three decades.

Oil prices of \$100 a barrel represent an 'oil burden' of five percent of gross domestic product on the global economy, the IEA calculated, and said such levels in the past "have clearly been associated with economic problems."

Optimism about the global economic recovery and interest from bullish investors have

prices. The IEA, the energy policy and monitoring arm of the 34-member Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, said growth in oil demand in 2010 was at one of the strongest rates in three decades, albeit from a low crisis level.

The IEA said preliminary data showed China's oil demand raced ahead 15.1 percent year-on-year in November, driven in large part by government-mandated closures of coal-fired plants to meet pollution targets that spurred use of small-scale electricity genera-

tors run on gasoil. pushed crude prices close to \$100 a barrel in recent sessions, levels last seen in October 2008.

Harsh winter weather hitting Europe and parts of North America, as well as growth in China and other developing nations has also boosted

tors run on gasoil.

"Total demand has thus reached new historical highs (10.2 mbd), surpassing for the first time the symbolic 10 mbd threshold," said the IEA.

Given that the pace of economic recovery is widely forecast to slow down in 2011, the IEA forecast growth in oil demand to slow to 1.6 percent for a gain of 1.4 mbd year-on-year to 89.1 mbd.

The OPEC oil cartel, which pumps 40 percent of world crude, revised upwards its 2011 world demand growth estimate, given the pace of global economic recovery and cold winter weather in the northern hemisphere.

It now estimated demand on OPEC countries to average 29.9 mbd, around 0.4 mbd higher than previously, and that the cartel's effective spare capacity has nudged below 5 mbd for the first time in two years.

The IEA said "the steady increase in prices over the past few months appears to have prompted a number of producers to increase supplies to capture higher revenues and/or to moderate price increases."

It singled out Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, the UAE, Nigeria, Ecuador and Venezuela.

At its last meeting the 12-nation cartel decided to leave production quotas unchanged, with some nations like Iran and Venezuela urging higher prices to above 100 dollars a barrel to offset what they said were rising production costs.

But at the meeting last month in Quito OPEC heavyweight Saudi Arabia differed, saying between 70 and 80 dollars a barrel was a "fair price."

China rare earth exports up 14.5% January-November

BEIJING, China (AFP) – China said its rare earth exports rose 14.5 percent in the first 11 months of last year as prices more than doubled, with most of the shipments going to Japan, Europe and the United States.

Exports of the minerals -- 17 elements vital to everything from iPods to wind turbines -- hit 35,000 tonnes for the January-November period, the commerce ministry said, exceeding Beijing's full-year quota of 30,300 tonnes.

"China will continue to supply rare earths to the international markets and manage rare earth export quotas according to rules of the World Trade Organization," spokesman Yao Jian told a regular briefing.

The value of the exports soared 171 percent from a year earlier as prices for the minerals jumped by around 130 percent, Yao told reporters.

Shipments to Japan, the European Union and the United States -- who have been vocal

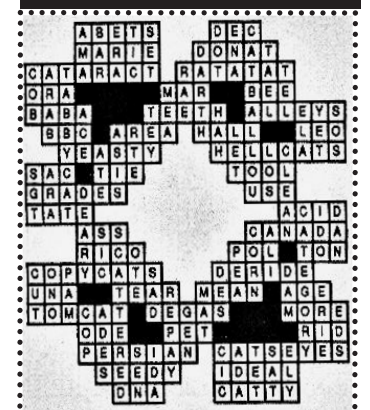
critics of China's rare earth export restrictions -- made up 86 percent of total exports in the period, he added.

China, which produces more than 95 percent of the world's rare earths, has tightened control over the elements by cutting quotas for overseas shipments and hiking export taxes. The moves have raised concern overseas that China was abusing its market dominance, with the United States calling on the country not to use rare earths as a "trade weapon". But Beijing has denied any political motivation over rare earths and has insisted the issue is an environmental one.

The commerce ministry said last month it had slashed rare earth export quotas by about 35 percent for the first six months of this year.

Yao said that the government was still considering the full-year quota and would announce its decision "in a timely manner".

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline

pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for

homes come with cable TV, high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee.



parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All

Concierge services to arrange rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.



Pizza and More in the Main Street introduces "The Pizza Party"



The 72 pieces pizza

Pizza and More, situated at in the Caya Betico Croes 63, is now offering pizza lovers a new way to enjoy pizza. For birthdays, parties, important events, business meetings or just the desire to enjoy a pizza, Pizza and More offers you "The Pizza Party"

Starting from Afls. 45 you can enjoy a huge pizza cut into 72, 36, or 18 pieces. It is also ideal as snack for the Christmas season or for Carnival; children – big and small – LOVE pizza.

They also offer personal pizzas (8"), classic pizzas (12") and the big pizzas (24"). All their pizzas are light, freshly baked with fresh natural ingredients and contain no fat at all.

No desire for pizza? The Italian Calzone (Italian pastechi), hotdog wrapped in pizza dough, and soups and

salads await you. And do not forget, they offer free tastings to clients who want to try out their products.

For the vegetarians there also something, a real pizza feast: Zucchini and fresh tomato pizza, pepper pizza and potato pizza.

Or try their vegetarian combos: A veggie soup with Focaccia bread and a piece of veggie pizza for just Afls. 9, or a salad and piece of pizza with Focaccia bread for just Afls. 11,50

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The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Grandma's stoba with classic rice and beans and homemade potato beet salad

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

Ashes of Paul the octopus on show in Germany

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) - Paul the octopus, who shot to fame during the football World Cup last year for his flawless record in predicting the outcome of games, will get a shrine to mark three months since he died, his aquarium said Monday. *psychic*

The tentacled tipster will on Thursday be honoured with a "Paul Corner" at his former home, containing his ashes and a "huge memorial," the centre in western Germany said.

"There will be a statue around 1.80 metres high (six feet) of Paul, on top of a football, in the middle of which will be a see-through window with the golden urn containing Paul's ashes," spokeswoman Tanja Munzig told AFP.

Paul thrilled punters and cost bookmakers a small fortune during the World Cup in South Africa in June and July by defying the odds to tip correctly seven German matches and Spain's 1-0 triumph against the Netherlands in the final.

For the prediction, two boxes were lowered into the



An octopus named Paul swims past a football inside his 'Sea Life' aquarium in Oberhausen, western Germany.

salty soothsayer's tank, each containing a mussel and the flag of the two opposing teams.

Watched by a myriad of reporters, Paul would head to one box, wrench open the lid and gobble the tasty morsel, with the box he plumped for being deemed the likely winner.

His astonishing ability made him a global media phenomenon. His later predictions were carried live on rolling news channels in Germany.

He died peacefully in his

sleep aged nearly three in October, sparking hundreds of messages of condolence from his Facebook fan club, whose ranks have more than tripled since his death to 200,000.

The aquarium unveiled a replacement, French octopus named Paul II, on November 3.

The new cephalopod has not yet been tested on the field of play although speculation is rife that he could be wheeled out for the next European championship, in Ukraine and Poland in 2012.

Regis Philbin retiring after 28 year from 'Live! With Regis and Kelly'



Regis Philbin laughs with co-host Kelly Ripa on the set of 'Live with Regis and Kelly'

NEW YORK CITY - Yesterday morning, Regis Philbin announced that he will be retiring from his talk show "Live! With Regis and Kelly." He broke the news at the beginning of the show, saying that the show would continue without him.

"I don't want to alarm anybody," he began, then declared, "This will be my last year on the show." he told viewers. "It's been a long time; it's been 28 years since I've been here. "There is a time that everything must come to an end for certain

people on camera, especially certain old people," he joked.

The show's distributors, Disney-ABC Domestic Television, said in a statement the "Live" franchise will continue, adding that a new co-host will be named to join Ripa, who marks 10 years with the show next month.

But Philbin, referring to his time left on the show, assured viewers, "We'll have a lot of fun between now and then."

Philbin has been a TV figure since the early 50's,

though for years he worked mostly for local stations.

He got his big break as a page for "The Tonight Show" and in 1985, he teamed with Kathie Lee Johnson-Gifford, and their show 'Live with Regis and Kathie Lee' went into national syndication in 1988.

After Gifford's departure in 2000, the show, renamed Live with Regis, continued with guest co-hosts including Philbin's wife Joy, among others. During this time, Philbin won the Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Talk Show Host. During "auditions" for co-hosts, Kelly Ripa became a favorite and front-runner, especially after a segment on the first. Ripa was named the permanent co-host on February 5, 2001.

A decade ago, Philbin conquered prime time as host of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," which became a ratings phenomenon for ABC.

A three-time Emmy Award winner, Philbin was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences at the Daytime Emmy Awards in 2008.

Nadal gifted win, Clijsters off to flier



Nadal

MELBOURNE (AFP) - Top seed Rafael Nadal was handed an easy win at the Australian Open Tuesday, as Kim Clijsters humiliated Dinara Safina 6-0, 6-0 and former number one Ana Ivanovic was another high-profile casualty.

Nadal, the French Open, Wimbledon and US Open champion, was leading 6-0, 5-0 when Brazilian journeyman Marcos Daniel threw in the towel after being troubled by a left knee problem.

In an action-packed day two, Britain's Andy Murray went through in similar circumstances when Slovakia's Karol Beck retired with a shoulder problem while trailing 6-3, 6-1, 4-2.

Swedish fourth seed Robin Soderling beat Italy's Potito Starace in straight sets and 2009 US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro enjoyed a successful return to Grand Slam tennis after being injured for most of last year.

And Argentina's David Nalbandian outlasted long-time Australian rival Lleyton Hewitt in a 4hr 48min marathon which tested the record for the tournament's longest match.

Nadal will play American qualifier Ryan Sweeting next as he targets the "Rafa Slam" -- the first time one man has held all four major titles since Rod Laver in 1969.

The Spaniard, forced out of last year's quarter-final against Murray with a knee injury, said the disconsolate Daniel would be feeling "terrible".

"It's a terrible feeling to pull out of a match with an injury and I wish him all the best and a fast recovery," said Nadal. "If you are feeling bad you should not go on and it's

best for the recovery."

In the women's draw, Belgium's Clijsters steamrolled the distraught Safina in just 44 minutes for her fourth whitewash at the tournament, but the first against high-profile opposition.

Injury-hit Safina, a former world number one, was a beaten finalist just two years ago and she was again inconsolable as she left Rod Laver



Clijsters

Arena, burying her head in her hands as she faced the media.

"Embarrassing," Safina said.

Serbia's Ivanovic, another former number one and the 2008 French Open champion, continued her miserable Grand Slam form with a quick exit at the hands of 49th-ranked Russian Ekaterina Makarova.

The popular brunette fell in round two at last year's Australian and French Opens, before being humbled in her first match at Wimbledon and reaching the US Open's fourth round.

Earlier Murray, last year's runner-up and the world number five, was cruising when Beck gave in to a serving shoulder problem.

"Obviously you'd rather finish the match off without

your opponent being hurt," Murray said. "But it does happen quite a lot. So you just have to move on and get yourself ready for the next round."

Murray is searching for Britain's first Grand Slam title since 1936, after being beaten by Federer in last year's final here and the 2008 US Open decider.

The in-form Soderling eased past Starace 6-4, 6-2, 6-2, raising hopes of another rousing run after reaching at least the quarter-finals at the last three Grand Slams.

Argentina's del Potro, who has barely played since last year's Open following wrist surgery, overcame Israel's Dudi Sela, 7-6 (15/13) 6-4, 6-4 to help banish a nightmare 2010.

Women's second seed Vera Zvonareva moved towards her third consecutive Grand Slam final with an easy 6-2, 6-1 win over Sybille Bammer, and Australia's Samantha Stosur crushed American wildcard Lauren Davis in just 53 min-

utes.

Elsewhere former world number one Jelena Jankovic, seeded seventh, ended a six-match losing streak as she went through 6-0, 7-6 (7/5) against Alla Kudryavtseva of Russia.

There were also wins for Croatian 15th seed Marin Cilic and Russian world number 10 Mikhail Youzhny, as well as former finalists Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Marcos Baghdatis.

Nalbandian was pushed all the way in the late-night showdown with Hewitt, with whom he has sparred since their junior days, before producing a sweet lob to finish it 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7/1) 9-7.

The gruelling clash had threatened to surpass the 5hr 14min set by Nadal and Fernando Verdasco in their gripping semi-final in 2009.

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We need another striker, says Ronaldo

MADRID (AFP) - Cristiano Ronaldo called for reinforcements to Real Madrid's front line on Tuesday to help the club's desperate struggle to wrestle the Spanish league title from bitter rivals Barcelona.

"We need someone for six months," said Portuguese star Ronaldo, as Real's Argentine striker Gonzalo Higuain had a hernia operation in the United States on Saturday and is unlikely to feature for at least four months.

"There has been talk of some great players such as Ruud (van Nistelrooy) and I'm glad. The more players there are here who want to help this team win the better," said the Portuguese star, who has 22 goals at the half way stage of the season.

Real Madrid dropped to four points behind Barcelona in the championship this weekend where two players at the Catalan club are often on target - Lionel Messi has 18 goals and David Villa 14.

"I want to win lots of

Champions Leagues and league titles here," said Ronaldo, adding that Real Madrid could not afford to "go another year without winning something."

Barcelona pipped Real Madrid to the last two Spanish League titles.

Dutch striker Van Nistelrooy, now 34 years, scored 46 goals in 68 league games for Real Madrid before joining Hamburg a year ago, and pundits feel he presents the best short term solution.

Real Madrid signed French striker Karim Benzema during the close season but new coach Jose Mourinho recently said that playing with him up front was like going hunting with a cat rather than a dog.

Spanish sports daily Marca maintained Tuesday that Madrid were also in the hunt for Manchester City's Argentine striker Carlos Tevez, but that the aim was to bring in Van Nistelrooy before January 31 when the transfer window closes.

Kobe and Lakers hold off Westbrook, Thunder 101-94



Kobe Bryant #24 of the Los Angeles Lakers hangs on to the rim after his dunk in front of Serge Ibaka #9, Thabo Sefolosha #2 and Jeff Green #22 of the Oklahoma City Thunder at the Staples Center on January 17, 2011 in Los Angeles, California. Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol combined for 42 points to lead the Los Angeles Lakers. Bryant finished with 21 points, seven assists and five rebounds and Gasol had 21 points and seven rebounds for the Lakers, who snapped back from a loss Sunday to the LA Clippers.

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Hue Jackson promoted to head coach of Raiders



SAN FRANCISCO, California (AFP) – Hue Jackson will become the Oakland Raiders sixth head coach in the past seven years after he was promoted from offensive coordinator.

Jackson will replace Tom Cable, who posted a mediocre 8-8 record this past season as the Raiders extended their streak to eight straight seasons missing the

playoffs.

This is Jackson's first head coaching position. The Raiders hired him a year ago to try to get their offense turned around.

Cable took over as the team's interim head coach early in the 2008 National Football League season. He finished with an overall record of 17-27.

Favre files NFL retirement papers for third time

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota (AFP) – Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre, who had problems on and off the field this season, has filed his retirement papers with the National Football League for a third time.

The 41-year-old legend could be finally be finished or he could be reinstated at any moment.

He announced his retirement to much fanfare in 2008 with the Green Bay Packers and did the same in 2009 with the New York Jets before negotiating new multi-million dollar contracts in the offseason.

Favre had a disappointing season with the Vikings going through a string of injuries, throwing just 11 touchdown passes and being intercepted 19 times. The season before he threw 33 touchdowns.

A sprained shoulder ended

his record streak of 297 straight regular-season games started and he later suffered a concussion.

"It's been a wonderful experience for me," Favre said after the Vikings final game this season. "This year did not work out the way we would have hoped, but that's football. I don't regret coming back."

In addition to the struggles on the field last season, Favre also had issues off it stemming from his playing stint with Jets.

Favre allegedly sent for-

mer Jets employee Jenn Sterger improper voice mails and lewd pictures, sparking a league-backed probe that resulted in Favre being slapped with a 50,000 dollar fine.

He is also facing a lawsuit from two New York Jets massage therapists alleging sexual harassment from Favre.

Favre will receive plenty of interest for the NFL's hall of fame. He has completed 6,300 passes for 71,838 yards with 508 touchdowns and 336 interceptions in his lengthy 20-year career.

Pathan powers India to thrilling win



Pathan hits three sixes in one over during the 3rd One Day International match between South Africa and India

CAPE TOWN (AFP) - A burst of powerful hitting by Yusuf Pathan spurred India to a thrilling two-wicket win in the third one-day international against South Africa at Newlands on Tuesday.

Chasing a target of 221, India were struggling at 93 for five before Pathan launched a savage assault against South African off-spinners Johan Botha and JP Duminy.

On a pitch where most batsmen found it difficult to play positive strokes, Pathan, making his first appearance in the series, struck 59 off 50 balls as India took a 2-1 lead in the five-match series.

Pathan and Suresh Raina (37) put on 75 for the sixth wicket but both were out in

quick succession to set up a tense finish.

Fast bowler Morne Morkel took three for 26 and fellow paceman Dale Steyn claimed two for 31 but could not stop India from getting home with ten balls to spare. Harbhajan Singh made a crucial 23 not out, including two sixes.

"If I get the ball in my area, I go for it," said Pathan.

Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni said he encouraged the young players in his team to play their natural game.

"We want Yusuf to play the game he plays," said Dhoni.

"As he gets more experience he will turn into a match-finishing batsman."



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Olazabal named as Europe's Ryder Cup captain



ABU DHAB (AFP) - Spanish star Jose Maria Olazabal was named on Tuesday to lead Europe's Ryder Cup defence against the United States next year in Medinah, Chicago.

Announcing the captaincy ahead of the Abu Dhabi Championship, George O'Grady, chief executive of the European Tour, said that the popular Olazabal had been a unanimous choice for the key position replacing Colin Montgomerie.

The 44-year-old from Spain's Basque country, a veteran of seven Ryder Cups as player and the last two as vice-captain, called it "one of the greatest challenges of his career."

The two-time Masters champion said: "You all know how much the Ryder Cup has meant to me in my career. I dedicated 25 years of my life as a professional golfer. I played seven Ryder Cups and as I said, the Ryder Cup is welded deep in my heart."

"This is a huge responsibility to be the next captain, and also, I have to say that it's I think one of the biggest challenges, if not the biggest challenge I will have in my career, especially at this time of my career."

"All I can say is that I will

try to do the best that I can, try to be close to the players.

"I've had a pretty solid professional career, but as I said, The Ryder Cup is very special to me."

"To be the captain of the 2012 Ryder Cup there is only one goal for it, and I will try to be as successful as possible, and you know, you have only one shot at it."

One of the immediate differences in the thought processes of Olazabal and most other captains was the kind of changes he wanted to make in the qualification system.

Unlike others, he actually wants to reduce the number of Captain's picks to two, instead of three during Colin Montgomerie's tenure.

"We are going to sit down and chat about the changes in the qualification system. I have a couple of things in my mind, but I don't think I will change it drastically, anyways," said Olazabal.


"Yo know, the more picks you get, the less value I think you give to the players that finish from eight to ten, and I think to finish in the top 10, you have to play great golf, and it was proven the last time."

"To make the top 10, you need to have an extremely great year. And it would be a shame to tell any of those guys, you're not in."

One of the reasons Olazabal was hesitating taking on the job was his continuous battle with rheumatism, which reduced his playing schedule in 2010 to just three tournaments.

But he said he was feeling much better now, and has in fact entered for all four weeks on the Desert Swing starting with the Abu Dhabi Championship this week.

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Disgraced Landis to quit cycling

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Disgraced former Tour de France winner Floyd Landis has announced he is retiring from cycling with immediate effect, ESPN reported on Tuesday.

The 35-year-old American has been unable to find a team since being stripped of

the 2006 Tour de France crown after a positive test for testosterone. Despite denying doping for four years, he finally confessed last year.

In making his confession, he alleged that former US Postal team-mate Lance Armstrong was involved in systematic doping during his spectacular

Tour de France career.

Those claims have since prompted a federal investigation into the superstar American.

"I've spent five years trying to get back to a place that I can never really go back to, and it's causing more stress than is worth it," Landis told ESPN.



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